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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE LETTER

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Letter dated March 22, 2002.

In the Office Letter, an Election of Species was requested. In response, Applicants elect the following species:

- 1) of conduits recited in claim 11: artery;
- 2) of enzymes recited in claim 8: collagenase;
- 3) conditions recited in claim 10: stenosis;
- 4) conditions recited in claim 34: benign biliary structure.

Claims that read on the elected subject matter, Group I include claims 1-12.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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